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### **More than \$2 million Available to Fight Violence Against Women**

*Grant program supports law enforcement, prosecution, judicial strategies and victim services*

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (Aug. 5, 2016) – Justice and Public Safety Secretary John Tilley announced today that \$2,094,866 in funding is available through the STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant Program.

VAWA STOP funds may be used to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement, prosecution, judicial strategies and victim services throughout Kentucky in cases involving violent crimes against women. That includes domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. The funds are from the Office on Violence Against Women, a component of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Applications for the funding are due by Sept. 18, and awards are scheduled to be announced in January 2017.

All applications must be submitted via the online Kentucky Justice Grants Management System (GMS). Applications and related resources are available by following the links on the Grants Management Branch webpage, <http://justice.ky.gov/Pages/Grants-Management-Branch.aspx>. New applicants are strongly encouraged to establish a user account and familiarize themselves with the system well in advance of the due date. Please note: Validation of new user accounts will take 48-72 hours.

Assistance with the application process may be obtained by contacting Grants Management Branch staff at (502) 564-3251 or [askgmb@ky.gov](mailto:askgmb@ky.gov).

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